

Bulletin Sentence: Romans 5:8: "But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." God did not wait for mankind to make the first move. He did not wait for Adam and Even to come looking for Him – but He went and found them. And while we were still sinners, still enemies of God, still set against Him, He sent His Son Jesus to suffer, die, and rise for us. God was moved by His own love and generosity and kindness. We now seek to grow up into His image as loving, generous, and kind sons and daughters of the Heavenly Father.

Church Attendance June 10 & 11, 2017
Saturday: 100 (C78) Sunday: 183 (C136)

Offerings June 10 & 11 2017 \$ 9,789.93 (Weekly need is \$11,461.54)

Those serving this weekend:

Organist: LeRoy Engelhardt

Alter Guild for June: Sheryl Jammer/Katherine Hilbrandt
989-631-2751/989-837-3832

Sat: ELDERS: Gary Koch and Dennis Hyatt
USHERS: Linzey & Amy Turmel, Randy Brandt and Dennis Hyatt

Sun: ELDERS: Kevin Miller and Rick Walter
USHERS: Landen Murphy

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Welcome

I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

June 17 & 18, 2017

Psalm 122:1

The mission of Zion Lutheran
is to better know & show Christ's love.

Worship Whys: Why do we stand for the Gospel lesson? From early days in Christian worship the reading of the Holy Gospel has been marked in worship with special acts of reverence, one of those is standing. As early as the fourth century it was noted that worshipers would stand for the reading, assuming the posture of the heavenly hosts who were "standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb" (Rev. 7:9). In earlier times, all present uncovered their heads - bishops removed their miters, kings removed their crowns - all stood with heads slightly bowed in deepest reverence. In paying particularly reverent attention to the very words of Christ, we follow the mandate of God himself, as spoken at the transfiguration: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him" (Mt. 17:5).

Prayer Requests are always welcome. To have someone included in our prayers during worship please call the church office or write out the request and give it to a pastor prior to the service.

Large Print Bulletins are available from an usher and may be helpful to our guests, making it easier to follow the service without using a hymnal.

Children's bulletins are also available from an usher.

Our Focus today is on St. Paul's words in Romans 5 where he speaks about Christ dying for ungodly sinners. In this we know God's love, even for his enemies. In this we know God's love for you and me.

This week at Zion

Sun	18	Worship 9AM Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM
Mon	19	Summer Office hours 8-12 PM
Wed	21	Worship with SOAR/ at the Gazebo
Sat	24	Worship w/Communion 7 PM
Sun	25	Worship w/Communion 9 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM

Summer office hours M-F 8 am to Noon

Retable Flowers: are given in loving memory of Frank Spychalski who passed away 2 year ago on June 15th, from Gail, Bud, Debra and families.

Pastor's Bible Class: In the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Bible class we are studying the readings of the day. This is a great opportunity to ask questions about a reading that wasn't preached on or simply to dig deeper into the weekly readings. Please join us for the study Saturday at 5:45 p.m. in the sanctuary or Sunday at 10:15 a.m. in the cafeteria as we grow in our faith!

Discussion Bible Class led by LeRoy Engelhardt will continue their study of (*The Lutheran Difference*). They will meet in the conference room after Sunday service at 10:15 a.m.

Summer Children's Church: Children's Church is an opportunity for younger children to hear an age appropriate Bible lesson in the church basement during the sermon time of the Sunday morning worship service. Children are invited to follow the leader to the basement during the hymn before the sermon and they return to worship with their parents at the time of the offering. Children's church allows younger children to continue to learn Bible stories during that time of the year when we do not have Sunday School. If you would like to assist with children's church as a lesson presenter or helper please contact Pastor Hemme. This is an opportunity to use your teaching gifts without a multiple week commitment.

Pastor Mahlburg Door Offering: A total of \$693 was collected for the mission work of Pastor Mahlburg at the recent door offering. Pastor Mahlburg and his family will soon be serving the Lord in Sri Lanka. Thank you for your generous support.

VBS Donation Board is located in the narthex. Please stop and see if there is anything you can help with. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Senior Pastor's Report – Pastor Menz

During the past month both pastors attended the North and East Pastors' Conference in Bay City. It was one of the better conferences in recent years with an excellent presentation on current issues in ministry. Pastor Menz has begun making member visits, seeing 4 families in May. Confirmation Sunday went well. Thank you to Pastor Hemme for showing Pastor Menz the ways of Zion in this area. The following two Funerals were held at Zion since the last Council meeting on May 2nd: Alan Jacobs on 5/22 and Kathleen Pacholke on 6/1. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the services and meals for these services. The families who are grieving very much appreciate it. Zion hosted the Pastors/Principals meeting on Tuesday May 16th with Pastor Menz preaching, Pastor Hemme conducting liturgy, and Colett Dominowski giving a tour of the school and chairing the meeting that followed. A good discussion of Church/School relations was helpful for those in attendance. The end of the school year will be happy and sad at the same time. While working at a school adds to a pastor's workload, interacting with the students and staff has been one of Pastor Menz's greatest joys since arriving at Zion.

Associate Pastor's Report – Pastor Hemme

Zion will recognize our High School and College graduates on Sunday, June 11th at church. The Confirmation introduction meeting and usher training for next year was on Sunday June 4th after church. New ushers will start in July. Thank you to Dennis Hyatt for training the new ushers. Sunday School finished for the summer on May 21st. Children's Church will begin on June 11th. Thank you to those who helped plan and prepare Luanne Wegener's retirement party. It was a fun afternoon and a great opportunity to give thanks to God for Luanne's many years of faithful service here at Zion. Thank you to those who contributed to the special door offering for the Mahlburg family. Pastor Mahlburg is getting ready to move to Sri Lanka to serve as a missionary.

Old Business

Review Rental Policy - Colett Dominowski

The pastors and principal plan to review the school and pavilion rental policy and bring to church council for more discussion.

Pastor Mahlburg Support - Pastor Hemme

A total of \$693 was collected for the mission work of Pastor Mahlburg at the recent door offering. Pastor Mahlburg will soon be serving the Lord in Sri Lanka, instead of Macau. Zion will still provide support for his mission as planned.

Harold Endline Fund - Jodi Kukla

A total of \$13,756.90 was approved from the Harold Endline Memorial Fund.

\$500 for cemetery drain tile repair. \$500 for paving the east cemetery road. \$6,000 toward the drain field project. \$1,307.90 to replace a cafeteria lunch table. \$119 for Fishers of Men" rug for the preschool. \$30 for a Nativity scene for preschool. \$500 for school interior paint. \$500 for paint for the gazebo. \$200 toward the 2017 Junior High Youth Gathering in Frankenmuth. \$4,100 for a sidewalk from the school to the pavilion and from the pavilion to the parking lot.

CGLT door offering - Jodi Kukla

A total of \$13,000 for CGLT was collected from the special offering held April 22nd and 23rd. A payment of \$10,000 was made toward the principle on the CGLT Loan.

New Business

In celebration of Valley Lutheran High School's 40th anniversary, they have offered to create a commemorative banner. Zion has agreed to display the banner during the 2017/2018 school year.

06.06.17.D A motion was made, supported and carried to adjourn the meeting. Pastor Hemme closed the meeting with Prayer. In His Service-Megan Keyser

School Staff Report – Colett Dominowski

The track team has been participating in meets and our athletes have been representing us well. Just recently they attended the Regional Meet. All of the athletes did a great job and we are excited that Sully Whalen qualified for the State Meet. We are proud of all of our athletes and their accomplishments throughout the season. Best of luck to Sully when he participates at the State Meet held at Frankenmuth High School, on Saturday, June 3rd. (525 E Genesee St, Frankenmuth, MI 48734) A big thanks to Coach Cherie Whalen, Coach Craig Hurst, and Coach Anji for their time, dedication, and assistance to the kids. Thank you to all the parents, students, volunteers, and TEAM for making Teacher Appreciation week another great week for our teachers. We enjoyed the delicious lunches each day, even more the time to sit together as a staff and enjoy that lunch. The gifts were very generous and appreciated as well. The school had a special group of visitors on May 18th. The school had a special group of visitors on May 18th. A Faith Family group of 15 students from Valley Lutheran High School (which included our very own Carly Pomaville and Abby Arndt) came to provide service work for us. They pulled all the weeds in the sandbox, cleaned the school windows inside/out, and the screens. Thank you Valley Students! The school held our annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, serving dinner and desserts to those that have volunteered their time and talents to our school. The 8th grade “America and Me” contest winners read their papers, the 5th and 6th graders performed their “Taming of the Shrew” play, and we also recognized Ms. Mary Ann Woods for her 50+ years of teaching. Needless to say those in attendance were appreciated and entertained! Our Youth Choir performed in the annual Lutheran Schools Music Festival and our school was so well represented. All of our solo, duets, voice, and instrumental performers scored a 1 (this is the best score you can get). Our school Youth Choir scored a 2. We did such an amazing job. Thank you to Mrs. Moeller, Mrs. Diener, and Mrs. Muth for their dedicated hours helping our students prepare for this event. Congratulations to our Preschool and Young 5 graduates. It was a blessing to see these little ones walk in their caps and gowns and be announced as graduates to Kindergarten. Ms. Lacie and the rest of the preschool staff did an amazing job preparing the Preschool and Young 5 students in singing their songs about Jesus. It was even more impressive that they used American Sign Language and Spanish in two of the verses. Good luck grads! The last few months have been very busy at school. Students have been taking some great field trips to the Saginaw Children’s Museum, Chippewa Nature Center-Lumberjacking, The Planetarium, Dow Chemical’s Hanger/Airport, the dentist office, and much more. I am proud how our teachers take the time to plan these opportunities to enrich our student’s lives through these experiences. Registration for the 2017/18 school year is in full force and we are growing. Preschool and Young 5’s are filling up fast (some options are already filled). The Day School has had a great response too, with 76 registered students and several more interested in attending our school. If you or someone you know is interested in what Zion has to offer, please contact Colett Dominowski 989-662-4264. Our Registration fee is \$300 (for the year) and our Tuition is \$755 (for the year). These rates are per student in the Day School. Tuition can be paid on a monthly, quarterly, or yearly based on your needs. We want to encourage and invite you to be a part of our school. We would love to incorporate more volunteers to help during recess, lunches, reading to the children, being a part of the classrooms, and sharing your talents with them. We love visitors, especially our Church family! Please contact Colett Dominowski or a teacher to see how you can help continue our ministry and mission for our school children in the 2017/18 school year.

Faces of the Reformation Bible Study – We will be taking this Wednesday, June 21 off for the outdoor SOAR service. Next bible study will be June 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the school as we learn about: “A woman of considerable strength and courage, Katharina von Bora left her convent life when she learned from Martin Luther’s writings that Christ’s grace came through faith alone. The freedom she gained from this knowledge also allowed her to marry the man whose writings had taught her about God’s saving grace. As manager of the Luther household, she kept everything in order so her husband could focus on theology.” Babysitting will be available. Please contact Chris List (989) 600-9035 for more information or questions.

May Financial Overview: In the general fund, expenses exceeded income by \$22,582.08 for the month of May. Year to date in 2017, expenses exceeded income by \$24,762.10 in the general fund. The cash balance in the general fund at the end of May was \$67,967.29. Average weekly giving in May for envelope and loose offerings was \$9,795.09. Average weekly giving year to date for envelope and loose offerings was \$11,312.37. Our average weekly need estimate for envelope and loose offerings in 2017 is \$11,461.54. Following the CGLT door offering, \$10,000 additional was put towards principle on the CGLT loan in the month of May. The balance on the CGLT loan is now \$183,867.67. For more detailed reports, please see the financial statements which are available in the narthex. Thank you for your faithful stewardship and generous support to serve our Lord.

Church Council Meeting Minutes

June 6th, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Dean Gray. Pastor Menz opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary Report – Megan Keyser

06.06.17.A A motion was made, supported and carried to approve the meeting minutes from May 2nd, and May 14th, 2017.

Treasurer Report – Jodi Kukla

06.06.17.B A motion was made, supported and carried to approve the Treasurer’s report from May 2017.

Board of Elders –Chris List

Membership changes

New accessions by Confirmation: *Katrina Marie Deaton, Jayden Scott Gledhill, Ellie Marie McMenemy, Andrew Walter Penkela, Vanessa Jo Selle, Kylie Gail Sian Shufelt, Paige Sophia Trevillian, Sullivan John Whalen.*

Members Removed by transfer to LC-MS congregation: *Jayden Gledhill to Messiah Lutheran in Midland/Bullock Creek, Chuck, Linda, Drew, Aimee, Lance & Nicole Anderson to St. John’s Pinconning.*

06.06.17.C A motion was made, supported and carried to approve the membership changes. The elders are reviewing attendance reports for their districts. Over the next couple months they will be trying to make contact with those on their list who have not attended a worship service as Zion since 2013. They will also be looking at the list to try to identify individuals whose attendance in 2016 was significantly lower than 2015. They will try to determine circumstances that prevented them from attending more in 2016, i.e; change in works schedule, now a “shut-in” but never notified the church office, or other problems or issues.

Church Council Meeting Minutes

June 6th, 2017

Board of Trustees – Martha Currie

Our last meeting was on Tuesday, May 30th, at 6:30 PM. Trustees will tentatively meet again in June on Tuesday, June 27th at 6:30 PM. With large projects, the meetings are sometimes moved to an alternate date in an effort to allow the majority, if not all of the voted in Zion Trustees to attend. **Church Completed Jobs:** \$500.00 was received from the Harold Endline Fund for painting/restoring the church park gazebo. The work is halfway done. A handful of volunteers have helped complete the interior. The next step is the exterior. Events have been posted on Zion's Facebook page when work happens. Feel free to contact Martha Currie if you have interest in helping out. The goal is to have it finished in plenty of time for the outdoor service with SOAR in July. There was a recessed light blinking in the northeast corner of the sanctuary. The light was replaced along with the current limiter. There is a light out in the east addition corner, but pews will need to be removed in order to safely reach that light. Trustees / Volunteers will replace when time permits. Stumps in the church park were ground out and removed on June 3rd. Trustees and volunteers rented a stump grinder and took care of all of the stumps in the park from the dead ash trees, the crab apple tree stump from the northwest corner of the church, and the large stump from the area north of where the parsonage used to be. **On Going Issues/Project Updates:** A work order has been written for volunteers to install a float switch, bury wiring, and install a red flashing light (less than three inches in diameter) to the northwest corner of the church. Once installed, if the light is seen red, it means there is trouble with the exterior sump and a trustee should be notified. exterior sump and a trustee should be notified. This system was approved for installation for a total cost of less than \$100.00. If the exterior sump fails for some reason, the basement can flood. Now that the down spouts are installed, the trustees will begin looking into the next part of the work needed on the ramp area of the church. There is an on-going issue where the roofline meets the brick. There is also some needed work in the four valley areas. Trustees will communicate as information is received. **School Completed Jobs:** \$4,100.00 was received from the Harold Endline Fund for the installation of sidewalks from the west door of the school to the pavilion and from the parking lot to the pavilion. This project is complete and the contractor (Regional Sims) really enjoyed working at our church/school. Some snow fence was purchased to help keep the area clear during the construction. This fencing was saved and will be reused when the drain field project starts. The lighting in the main hall girl's bathroom was repaired by a volunteer. Valley Lutheran student volunteers came to Zion on May 17th. They cleaned all of the school windows inside and out. Thank you to the volunteers! The air conditioning in the kitchen area was not working correctly. John Brandt was contacted for repair and to perform spring preventative maintenance on all the systems. **On Going Issues/Project Updates:** Drain Field: Jeremy Rosenbrock, active Zion Trustee, has reported the following update: The new drain field will be installed in an area to the west of the current drain field. In order for this job to be completed, a current drain tile to the ditch will need to be re-routed around the new drain field. Jim Klein is working with Jeremy to round up the materials for the new field. Additional supplies will be needed to reroute the drain tile. \$6,000.00 was received from the Harold Endline Fund to assist in covering costs for this project. Major maintenance money will be utilized first, as it is appreciated that some may have contributed to this fund specifically to help cover the costs of this project. Once the major maintenance money has been used, the funds from the Harold Endline Fund will be used. As instructed/guided, any remaining funds granted from the Harold Endline Fund left over once the project is complete will go into the major maintenance fund.

Board of Trustees – Martha Currie

The estimated cost of this project is expected to be around \$10,000.00. Garth Casey will be donating equipment, his time, and the sand needed for proper construction. This project will begin later in June or in July. Staff Office/Secretary Flooring: Martha Currie will be meeting with a flooring installer in the very near future to get as close to an exact estimate as possible for carpet removal, materials and installation. More to come very soon. Lawn Mowing: Mark Ivan, congregation member, has been providing a great service in this respect. Thank you, Mark, for your time!

Board of Christian Day School - Tonya Kuizenga

The BCDS and TEAM have partnered up to supply one night's dinner during VBS (July 9 -13). No set day has been announced but, historically, the BCDS has supplied a pizza dinner. TEAM is donating funds toward the dinner. We are waiting to hear Mr. Aaron Keup's decision on the call we extended to him for the 5/6th grade teaching position for the 2017-2018 school year. In the event he does not accept the call, we have received a new list of experienced teachers from the District. Lacie Philipp-Steelmon, Preschool Director, reports that she has 36 paid Preschool spots for the 2017-2018 school year, which we believe may be the most Zion has ever had. Unfortunately Rozy Humphreys, afternoon Preschool teacher and aftercare provider, submitted her resignation electing to move Arizona with her sister at the end of the school year. The position has been posted in the church bulletin and Colett and Lacie will be interviewing candidates in the upcoming weeks.

Board of Parish Education - Gail Wegener

Sunday School: May 21st was the last day of Sunday School followed by a luncheon for the teachers and family with a discussion to follow. This year's Sunday School offerings collected were put toward the collection for the missionary family, the Mahlburgs, going to Sri Lanka. Two of the teachers (Morgan Trevillian and Sharon Staudacher) will not be returning. Thank you to them for their time and service. We are looking for candidates interested in volunteering to teach Sunday School. Please let us know if you or anybody you know may be interested. Children's church: Each Sunday starting June 11th, there will be Children's Church during the sermon in the basement of church. If you, or anybody you know of, is interested in leading a lesson please contact Pastor Hemme. The lessons this year are on the Ten Commandments in a castle setting. VBS: July 9-13 in the evenings is when the Maker Fun Factory VBS will be held at Zion. There will be a meal provided by different groups each night starting at 5:15. The fellowship team will plan and serve the meal on Wednesday, July 12th with a pie and ice cream social afterward. This is a good time for the congregation to come and see what is going on at VBS and to enjoy social time with Zion families and community families. Reformation celebration: October 15th we will be having a bus going to the Breslin Center in East Lansing for this event. Cost for a bus ticket is \$7.00/per person and includes a boxed lunch from Grand Traverse Pie Company provided by two anonymous donors, also a snack for the ride home provided by Ladies of Zion.

Board of Youth – Krista Klein

Four youth will be attending the Junior High Gathering in Frankenmuth June 2nd – 4th, along with two chaperones. The Senior High Gathering is approaching for the 13 youth attending, June 25th – 28th, along with three chaperones. The Youth Board has met and been finalizing plans for both events. There will be a June 11th meeting for both the youth attending the Senior High Gathering and at least one parent to review the trip and Pastor Hemme will provide a Bible study for preparation.